Quality of IT Education in private institutions

2184. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a spate of complaints are being reported that the quality of IT Education by private institutions is being compromised in the bargain to maximise profit;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken a serious view of the poor quality of IT trainers and faculty in these private institutions and have asked the AICTE to look into the matter;

(c) whether AICTE has set up a Committee to finalise guidelines for regulation of IT education; and

(d) if so, by when the such guidelines would be issued?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) monitors performance as well as maintenance of prescribed norms and standards of the approved technical institutes including those imparting IT education. However, monitoring of IT institutes in the informal sector does not, at present, come under the area of operation of AICTE. Complaints of malpractices committed by certain institutes have come to the notice of AICTE. A malpractices cell is functioning in the AICTE to deal with such complaints. To improve quality of faculty in technical institutes, AICTE operates various Faculty Development Programmes, like Quality Improvement Programmes (QIP), Continuing Education Programmes (CEP), Early Faculty Induction Programmes (EFIP), etc. AICTE has already constituted a Committee to frame guidelines for regulating non-formal sector of IT education.

VRS in NCERT

2185. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Voluntary Retirement Scheme of Government is applicable to the academic staff of NCERT; and